

GRIZZLY HILL, MOLLIE'S GULCH C&H & F.S HES 208
&
BLM FREESTRIP ALLOTMENTS
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This is the annual operating plan for the 2004 grazing season for the Grizzly Hill C&H allotment. This will be considered part of the terms and conditions of the grazing permit.

I. Permitted / Authorized Use

Authorized cattle numbers below reflect Tyler and Neibauer cattle on both the Mollie's Gulch & Grizzly Hill allotments separated for the grazing season. An additional 21 head are allowed from State lands leased by Tyler within Grizzly Hill C&H (F.S.) and Freestrip (BLM) Allotments.

Term Grazing Permits					AUTHORIZED USE				
1. Leadore Land Partners LLC									
Allot.	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s*	Cattle number	On Date	Off Date	Active H.M.s	Nonuse HMs
Grizzly	359	6/1	10/31	1806	*600	6/1	10/31	3018	
Grizzly	509	6/21	10/31	2225	266	9/2	10/31	525	488
Freesrip	145	6/1	10/31	NTE 728	0	REST			728
State	21	6/1	10/31	106	21	6/1	10/31	106	
Sub-total				4866					
Mollie	210	8/1	9/10	283	300	9/6	10/4	283	
HES208	varies	6/1	10/31	14	2	6/1	10/31	13	
2. Neibaur Farms									
Grizzly	25	6/1	10/31	126	0	6/1	10/31	0	126
total				5289	866			3945	1342

- Shading in Authorized columns are used to differentiate between authorized use for Herd 1, which enters the allotment 6/1, and Herd 2, which enters 6/15.
- Herds may consist of yearlings and cow/calf pairs and dry cows.

*Line one reflects use by early use cow herd, including those authorized for the state lease.

Line two reflects use of the second herd.

Line three reflects BLM freestrip pasture use.

Line five use dates will vary as reflected in the table. The state lease of 21 head is reflected in line one.

Line seven reflects the Mollie's Gulch C&H as a separate allotment.

Line eight reflects HES208.

Line ten reflects the Neibaur permit.

II. Grazing Schedule and Monitoring Utilization Standards

Actual Grazing Schedule					Allowable Standards	
Unit No.	Unit Name	# head	*Dates	Head Months	Riparian	Uplands
1	Willow Springs Bell Field/HES 208	600	6/1 – 6/13	247	4” stubble	45%
2	Lower Salt Creek	300	6/14 – 7/10	535	4” stubble	45%
3	Upper Salt Creek	300	With/above	With/above	5” stubble	45%
4	Wildcat	300	7/11 – 7/30	395	5-6” stubble	45%
5	Frankhall	300	With/above	With/above	5-6” stubble	45%
6	Private for weaning	600	7/31-9/1			
7	Hood Gulch	600	9/1 – 9/5	118	4-5” stubble	45%
8	Switchback	266	9\2 –10/28	479	4-5” stubble	45%
9	Wagonbox/Jakes	300	9/6 – 9/28	230	5” stubble, Jakes	45%
10	Mollies Gulch	300	9/6-10/4	283	40%	45%
11	Grizzly	300 300	9/29 – 10/31 10/4 –10/31	325 276	NA	45%
2	Freestrip	0	REST		5” stubble	45%
			Total	2888		

***- These dates are tentative.** The dates of use and sequence of use may be changed due to forage and/or weather conditions. If for these reasons, or others, you wish to make changes in the dates of use or grazing sequence as described in this plans of use, *please discuss it with us before you do so.*

#- These numbers reflect Neibaur’s non-use after weaning, he will remove livestock from forest.

**** - Do not wait for the forest officer to tell you it is time to move! It is the permittee's responsibility to insure cattle are moved before utilization levels are exceeded.**

**** 35% to 50% use on riparian areas equals about 4-5 inches of residual stubble.**

Stubble height and percent utilization correlations were taken from Clary & Webster's guide to "*Managing Grazing of Riparian Areas in the Intermountain Region*", 1989, and from the FLRMP amendment of Grazing Monitoring Procedures, Salmon N.F. 1992. Knowledge of these correlations should assist the permittees in determining when cattle use is approaching the Allowable Use Standard.

Stubble height will be monitored and reported to the Interagency Implementation Team after the grazing season, from key areas on the allotment. Percent utilization, will be used to determine whether the pastures met or did not meet Forest Plan Standards and Guides.

III. PERMITTEE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Distribution of livestock is important for proper forage utilization. Proper distribution can be attained by:

- Ensuring critical water developments are functioning properly before cattle enter any of the grazing units. When cattle leave a grazing unit, the water pipelines in that unit are to be drained.
- Salt will be placed 1/4 mile away from all heavily used trails, roads, water, and all natural concentration areas.
- Riding/monitoring will be done to herd cattle into unused areas, to prevent over-utilization of stream bottoms or other riparian areas.

Use of motorized vehicles will be allowed prior to July 16, to distribute salt or do maintenance in closed areas, if a valid permit is in possession.

The permittees shall make every effort to remove all cattle from a grazing unit when the grazing period has ended in that unit. 5 days for timbered units, 3 days for non-timbered units.

To meet the State of Idaho's provision for trichomoniasis testing, all bulls must be tested at least 45 days prior to the turnout date.

Cattle that die from a contagious disease, or that die at a location where they may contaminate water or be a public nuisance, must be properly disposed of.

Please mail your actual use booklet in at the end of the grazing season.

Any hay or straw used in association with this permit, will be certified and/or tagged as noxious weed, or noxious weed seed free as directed by the order (#04-00-057, 4/96, according to 36CFR 261.58 (t)) and state law (Idaho Code sec 22 according to IDAPA 02.06.31.001, 7/99).

V. BILLING INFORMATION

Grazing fees are to be paid to Lockbox, San Francisco, CA, by the date specified on the Bill for Collection and in advance of cattle entry onto the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

Grazing fees for the 2004 grazing season are \$1.43 per Head Month.

The Forest Service will be billing \$.10 per Head Month for the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission (IRRC). This will be done separately from your grazing fees for the Forest Service.

VI. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE/CONSTRUCTION

If verification of maintenance is not received from the permittee, prior to turn out, an inspection will be made. If we find that maintenance has not been completed and livestock are grazing an area unscheduled for use at the time, they will be considered unauthorized. The responsible permittee may be billed for excess use and or permit action will be taken. Getting all the existing water developments up to FS standards by the Fall of this year is the priority for 2004.

RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS SCHEDULE, 2004

Note- Routine maintenance needs to be performed on all structural range improvements, (including those not listed here) prior to the scheduled on-date.			
WATER DEVELOPMENTS			
Existing Projects Range Improvement/Work Needed		Agreed Upon Means of Completing Project	Work Schedule 2004
4181	Waugh Spring/ reset headbox, pipe to trough and overflow	Permittee labor & equip., F.S. design, provide headbox	By Sept. 15
4168	Upper Salt Spring/ pipe to trough, exclosure fence repair	Permittee labor and materials	By June. 10
4444a & b	Salt Creek pipeline and troughs	Permittee labor and materials	By June. 10
4170	Upper Cruikshank Spr/ pipe repair	Permittee labor & materials	By June 10
4177	Quartzite Troughs/ replace trough where new pipeline was layed	Permittee labor & materials	By Sept. 1, 2004
4178A	O'Donald Spring/ re-lay pipe to trough, possibly add storage tank	Permittee labor & materials	2004
4183	Boche Spring/ replace trough	Permittee labor & equip. / F.S. furnish trough, cribbing	ON HOLD
4185	Lower Wagonbox Spring/ reset headbox, new trough, relay overflow line	Permittee labor & pipe / F.S. furnish headbox and trough	ON HOLD
4184	Upper Wagonbox Spring/ reset headbox, new trough, and exclosure fence	Permittee labor / F.S. furnish headbox and trough	ON HOLD

<i>FENCES</i>			
Existing Projects Range Improvement/Work Needed		Agreed Upon Means of Completing Project	Work Schedule 2004
4043	Jakes Canyon Narrows/ post/pole barrier destroyed	Permittee maintain prior to Jake's BLM unit on-date	By May 10
4046	Hood Gulch/Canyon Fence/ old, needs major repairs (relocate?)	Permittee maintain, schedule for reconstruct	Prior to on-date,
4045	Waugh Gulch Fence/ needs major repairs	Permittee maintain	Before turnout
4115	Aspen/Frank Hall Division Fence, north ½ / maintain and reconstruct 0.9 miles	Permittee labor to maintain fence on existing ridge & saddle.	Before turnout
4052	HES 200, 202 Fence/ needs major rebuild, old	Permittee maintain / F.S. design asses reconstruct needs	Before turnout
4051	HES 208 Fence/ needs major rebuild, old	Permittee maintain / F.S. design reconstruct needs	Before turnout
4054	Salt Cr. Unit Fence/ needs brace post repairs	Permittee labor & materials	Before turnout
	New Project Proposals		Work Schedule
	Freestrip Division Fence/ 2.5 miles new construct	Permittee provide materials / BLM/F.S. provide labor to install	TBA
	Quartzite Pipeline Extension/ add 2+ troughs and 1 miles of pipeline	Permittee provide labor, cost-share materials, install troughs. F.S. furnish labor & equip. to install pipe.	By Sept. 1, 2004
	Lower Wagonbox Spring P.L. extension / extend overflow line approx. ¾ mi. into Switchback unit, Sec. 18, add 1 or 2 troughs	Permittee provide labor, cost-share materials, install troughs. / BLM/F.S. furnish labor & equip. to install pipe.	ON HOLD
4040	Grizzly Allotment Boundary Fence needs rebuilt.	Forest Service and Permittee will survey fence to dertermine, course of action.	By July 1
4201	Wild Cat Spring	Dry, check for spring source and possible repair	By July 1

VII. ACTION SUMMARY

Anticipated problem	Probable solution
Water developments need to be maintained on all units for proper distribution of cows.	Maintain as per part III of the term grazing permit before livestock entry onto the allotment.
Cattle in Frank Hall/ Wild Cat units, may drift into Hawley Creek allotment.	Maintain Unit Integrity and boundary fences. Control excessive drift by riding and locating cattle on water sources. Monitor use of these units to meet the grazing use standard.

I have reviewed and accepted these Annual Operating Instructions for the 2004 grazing season. Any changes to these Annual Operating Instructions must be approved by the District Ranger.

Permittee _____

Date _____

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Forest Officer /S/ Dennis M. Hilliard

Date 4/30/04

BLM Officer _____

Date _____